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Anima Christi

(Soul of Christ, sanctify me)

anthem for unaccompanied mixed voices

ENCÔRE
publications

This anthem was inspired by the book, *Anima Christi: reflections on praying with Christ*, written by Robert Jeffery (Darton, Longman & Todd, 1994)

Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, sanctify me;
Body of Christ, save me;
Blood of Christ, invigorate me;
Water from the side of Christ, wash me;
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
O good Jesu, hear me;
Within thy wounds hide me;
Suffer me not to be separated from thee;
From the malignant enemy defend me;
In the hour of my death call me;
And bid me come to thee;
That with all thy saints I may praise thee
For ever and ever. Amen.

Translation by Eric Milner-White
from *A Procession of Passion Prayers* (SPCK, 1956)
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Anima Christi

Words: original Latin,
attributed to Pope John XXII (1249-1334),
translated by Eric Milner-White (1884-1963)

Music: CHRISTOPHER GOWER
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Molto espressivo e flessibile ♩ = 60

SOPRANO

ALTO

TENOR

BASS

mf, *p*, *pp*

mf, *p*, *pp*

mf, *p*, *pp*

mf, *p*, *pp*

Soul of
A - ni - ma
A - ni - ma Chris - ti, A - ni - ma Chris - ti, A - ni - ma
A - ni - ma Chris - ti, A - ni - ma Chris - ti, A - ni - ma

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mf, *p*, *pp*

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Full

Christ, sanc - - ti - fy me; Bo - dy of Christ,
Chris - ti, A - ni - ma Chris - ti, Bo - dy of Christ,
Chris - ti, A - ni - ma Chris - ti, Bo - dy of Christ,
Chris - ti, A - ni - ma Chris - ti, Bo - dy of Christ,

mp

mp

mp

mp

mp

11 *p* *ten.*
save me; Blood of Christ, in - vi - - go - rate me;
p *ten.*
save me; Blood of Christ, in - vi - - go - rate me;
mp *ten.*
save me; Blood of Christ, in - vi - - go - rate me;
p *ten.*
save me; Blood of Christ, in - vi - - go - rate me;

16 *mf* **PROMOTIONAL COPIES**
Wa - ter from the side, the side of Christ,
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Wa - ter from the side, the side of Christ,
mf
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mf
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20 *mp ten.* *mf* *f*

wash me; Pas-sion of Christ, streng - then me. O good

mp ten. *mf* *f*

wash me; Pas-sion of Christ, streng - then me. O good

mp ten. *mf* *f*

wash me; Pas-sion of Christ, streng - then me. O good

mp ten. *mf* *f*

wash me; Pas-sion of Christ, streng - then me. O good

24 *subito p* *pp*

Je - - su, hear me, A - ni - ma

subito p *pp*

Je - - su, hear me; A - ni - ma

ff

Je - - su, hear me; A - ni - ma Chris - ti,

ff

Je - - su, hear me; A - ni - ma Chris - ti,

ff *pp*

29 *p* With - in thy wounds_ Solo

Chris - ti, O good Je - su, hear me. With -

Chris - ti, O good Je - su, hear me. With -

O good Je - su, hear me. With -

O good Je - su, hear me. With -

slentando hide me, hide me; *a tempo*

34 Full *f* fervente

-in thy wounds hide me, hide me; Suf-fer me

-in thy wounds hide me, hide me; Suf-fer me not, *mf* fervente *f*

-in thy wounds hide me, hide me; Suf-fer me not, suf-fer me

-in thy wounds hide me, hide me; Suf-fer me not, suf-fer me not, *mf* fervente *f*

slentando *a tempo*

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not to be se - pa - ra - ted, se - pa - ra - ted from_ thee, from

not to be se - pa - ra - ted, se - pa - ra - ted from_ thee, from

not to be se - pa - ra - ted, se - pa - ra - ted from_ thee;

not to be se - pa - ra - ted, se - pa - ra - ted from_ thee;

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p thee; *f* From the ma - lig - nant e - ne - my de - fend_ me, de -

p thee; *f* From the ma - lig - nant e - ne - my de - fend_ me, de -

f From the ma - lig - nant e - ne - my de - fend me, de -

f From the ma - lig - nant e - ne - my de - fend me, de -

p *f*

f

45 *p sostenuto*

-fend me; In the hour of my death

p sostenuto

-fend me; In the hour of my death

p sostenuto

-fend me; In the hour of my death

p sostenuto

-fend me; In the hour of my death

49 *ten.* *espress.* **con anima** *mf*

call me; And bid me come to thee; That with all thy saints I may

ten. *espress.* *mf*

call me; And bid me come to thee; That with all thy saints I may

ten. *espress.* *mf*

call me; And bid me come to thee; That with all thy saints I may

ten. *espress.* *mf*

call me; And bid me come to thee; That with thy saints I may

con anima

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